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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RECORDS BY CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM JOEL KREINER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, FOR (DECLASSIFICATION AND) RELEASE, UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, OF RECORDS AND INFORMATION MAINTAINED BY "ALL U.S. EMBASSIES AS WELL AS ANY AND ALL COMPONENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE" RELATING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTIVITIES OF CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA.

2. KREINER STATES EMBASSY FILES MAY BE INDEXED UNDER TITLES: SCIENTOLOGY, CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY, L. RON HUBBARD (FOUNDER OF SCIENTOLOGY), BOLIVAR, AIRES, EXCALIBUR, GRINNEL, NEPTUNE, APOLLO (NAMES OF MARINE VESSELS LEASED FOR TRAINING ACTIVITIES).

3. SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR SCIENTOLOGY RECORDS ALREADY RECEIVED BY NUMEROUS POSTS. THESE POSTS SHOULD DISREGARD THIS COMMUNICATION. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS HANDLING IN FOLLOWING MANNER FOR POSTS NOT ALREADY INSTRUCTED.

4. ANY REQUEST FOR (DECLASSIFICATION AND) RELEASE OF OFFICIAL RECORDS MUST BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S REGULATIONS (5 FAM 480-483, 920-926). EMBASSY FILES PERTAINING TO KREINER'S REQUEST SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT WITH STATEMENT OF EMBASSY VIEWS

ON DECLASSIFICATION AND RELEASE.

5. IF YOU DETERMINE THAT A DOCUMENT CANNOT BE RELEASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, SPECIFY WHICH EXCEPTION LISTED IN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (5 FAM 481 APPENDIX A, SECTION 6.4) IS BASIS FOR DENIAL. IF DOCUMENT IS CLASSIFIED, SPECIFY UNDER WHAT CATEGORY OF SECTION 5B, EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652 (5 FAM 924) DOCUMENT OR PART OF IT IS BEING EXEMPTED FROM GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE.

6. FOLLOWING GUIDELINES SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND: CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS SHOULD FIRST BE REVIEWED WITH RESPECT TO WHETHER THEIR RELEASE WOULD DAMAGE U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS. IN THIS REGARD SEE 5 FAM 900 (FF). UNCLASSIFIED AND LOU DOCUMENTS (AND DOCUMENTS WHICH NO LONGER QUALIFY FOR CLASSIFICATION AFTER REVIEWED AS ABOVE) SHOULD BE EVALUATED IN TERMS OF THE APPROPRIATE FOIA EXEMPTION. SEE 5 FAM 481, 22 CFR 6.4 (B)-(G). SECTION 6.4 (A) ONLY APPLIES TO CLASSIFIED MATERIALS. AS GENERAL RULE, 6.4 (E) APPLIES TO MATERIALS SETTING OUT FRANK OPINIONS OR ADVICE. THIS EXEMPTION WOULD NOT COVER STRAIGHT FACTUAL REPORTING. EMBASSIES SHOULD CABLE DEPARTMENT IF ADDITIONAL NEED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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INSTRUCTIONS BECOMES NECESSARY.

7. AFTER REVIEW, AIR POUCH ALL DOCUMENTS TO DEPARTMENT FOR COORDINATION BY FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STAFF, BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. KREINER HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT REQUESTS FOR RECORDS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THAT OFFICE. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSIES MAINTAIN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS FOR OWN FILES.

8. FYI. UNDER 5 FAM 482.2, POSTS CAN HANDLE REQUESTS FOR RELEASE OF UNCLASSIFIED OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE RECORDS EXCEPT WHERE RECORDS ARE TO BE DENIED. DEPARTMENT PREFERS TO COORDINATE ALL RECORDS IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF VOLUME AND NATURE OF DOCUMENTS KREINER IS REQUESTING.

9. SEVERAL POSTS HAVE INDICATED THEY HAVE RECEIVED DOCUMENT ENTITLED "EVIDENCE ON RELIGIOUS BONA FIDES AND STATUS OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY-" THIS DOCUMENT, WHICH WAS APPARENTLY PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCH, NEED NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENT REVIEW. OTHER DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE CHURCH, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE REVIEWED. KISSINGER UNQUOTE

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